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Lon Thomas American Stone, Inc. 4040 South 300 West Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Request for Updated Maps to Perform 5-year Surety Review, American Stone, Subject:

Inc., Aragonite Mine, M/045/031, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

You are aware that the Division is required to evaluate the large mining reclamation bonds every five year to assure the reclamation surety amount remains adequate to reclaim the mine site. The Aragonite Mine site surety is currently in 1991 dollars. The review of this site is long overdue, as the surety dollars should now be in year 2010 dollars.

On May 23, 2002, we sent you a letter requesting maps so we could perform the 5-year surety review. On August 21, 2002, you requested an extension to January 15, 2003 to submit the maps, which was granted. To date, we have not received the updated maps for this site. Due to workloads and other priorities, we have neglected to remind you of this requirement.

It is required by law that all mining operations have adequate bond for their sites. Because this is long overdue, we request that you provide the required maps w/in 30 days. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action that will carry fines and penalties.

Please contact me at (801) 538-5258 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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